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The Honorable Mark DeSaulnier, Chair
Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5035
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Ted Gaines, Vice Chair
Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 3071
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senators DeSaulnier and Gaines:

The High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) would like to express its support for AB 481 (Lowenthal), as amended April 1, 2013, which would enable the Authority to effectively manage property acquired for the high-speed rail project.

Specifically, AB 481 would allow the Authority to negotiate with impacted landowners for continued access, exchange property between adjoining landowners to help mitigate impacts to existing uses, sell excess property no longer required for the project, and lease property to interested parties as a means of creating additional revenue sources for the project. The Authority can better plan for the project's short and long-term needs by exclusively managing access to property acquired for the high-speed rail project.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at matthew.robinson@hsr.ca.gov or (916) 324-1541.

Sincerely,

Matt Robinson
Deputy Director of Legislation

cc: Honorable Darrell Steinberg, President pro Tem, California State Senate

Attention: Arwen Chenery, Consultant

Honorable John A. Pérez, Speaker, California State Assembly

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